

QCWA HOT LINE REPORT

WITH OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS COMMENTS

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Headquarters is making a full-blown study of the dues structure for QCWA. It is hoped that it can be ready to print in the SPRING NEWS.

The long awaited supplemental members directory arranged by members last names, alphabetically, is ready for the printer. The supplemental directory will come free of charge to all members, and will have the same basic list of members included in the 1979 Directory. This is made necessary because the two directories must be used in conjunction with each other. The supplemental directory includes a portion which acknowledges omissions and errors that were reported in the 1979 Directory.

The Spring, 1980 meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Dayton Hamvention. Reservations have been made for all, and it is expected to be a good meeting with a great deal of business to be transacted.

Several months ago, Paul Hower, WA6GDC, of La Mesa, California, designed a QSL card for QCWA. He did a fine job. We were involved in the preparation of the Directory, the QCWA News, and a batch of other things which prevented the getting of samples. Since then, we have had a sample printing of the face of the card. We used the call of President Gartsman. The cards will have the normal set of data entry spaces on the rear side. These were printed without anything, other than the face, for inspection and comments. By printing in a large amount, we can get some fairly reasonable cards. The printer is providing us with an estimate. It will come along in the next HLR. Meanwhile, let us know of your impressions. One modification could be to eliminate the letters SL, under the logo, leaving space for an ARRL logo, and other material, if desired, but all must be essentially alike. The call signs should be larger and can be so made in the final printings.

THE 1980 QSO PARTY, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1980, WILL BE A BIG ONE...NEW RULES, EASY TO SCORE, AND SHOULD BE A WELCOME DEPARTURE FROM THE OLD HARUM SCARUM PARTY WHICH PLUMB WORE YOU OUT. WATCH FOR THE STORY IN THE WINTER NEWS.

A NEW DUES SCHEDULE TAKES OVER ON JANUARY 1, 1980. NEW FORMS FOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO ALL CHAPTERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT MEMBERS MAKE A SPECIAL PUSH TO SIGN NEW MEMBERS IN 1980. HEADQUARTERS WILL KEEP A RECORD OF THOSE SIGNING NEW MEMBERS, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE A SPECIAL AWARD TO THE TOP-DOGS IN THE ACTIVITY. 1980 IS A BRAND NEW DECADE, AND IT COULD BE QCWA'S BIGGEST AND BEST.

IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME, AND GET THE INFORMATION FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL FILE, WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE LINE ON THE FORM THAT REQUESTS YOUR COMMERCIAL LICENSE DATA BE DELETED, AND INSTEAD THAT THAT SPACE BE USED TO WRITE IN THE NEW MEMBERS LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE. WHEN THIS IS DONE, WE WILL PICK IT UP, AND GET IT IN THE FILE WHEN PROCESSING THE APPLICATIONS. SECOND PRINTING OF FORM 10 WILL HAVE THIS MODIFICATION!

TWO NEW CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN CHARTERED SINCE THE NOVEMBER HLR. THEY ARE:

HIGHLANDS COUNTY CHAPTER OF QCWA, LOCATED NEAR LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA. THE CHAPTER, OFFICIAL NUMBER 121, WAS CHARTERED ON NOVEMBER 13, 1979. OFFICERS ARE:

James F. Jones, N4XV, President
Leo M. Conner, W3GUP, Secretary

~~LAKE ERIE TRI-STATE CHAPTER, LOCATED ABOUT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.~~
THE CHAPTER, OFFICIAL NUMBER 122, WAS CHARTERED ON NOVEMBER 27, 1979. OFFICERS ARE;

G. Paul Gerbracht, W3QPP, President
Elbert H. Van Houten, W3TPW, Secretary
Carl S. Rumberger, W3AAQ, Vice President

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO THOSE WHO WORKED TO BRING ABOUT THE NEW CHAPTERS. WE SHALL BE LOOKING TO TALK TO SOME OF THE BOYS IN THE QSO PARTY!

PRESIDENT HARRY GARTSMAN, W6ATC, HAS BEEN UNDER THE WEATHER RECENTLY, BUT IS IMPROVING RAPIDLY.

WE'RE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE QCWA NEWS, FOR WINTER 1979 IS AT THE PRINTERS, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE MAILING SERVICE ON DECEMBER 10. WITH GOOD LUCK, THE MAILING WILL REACH ALL HANDS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1980. THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL INCLUDED IN THE ISSUE, THE NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED LIST OF CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS, AN UP TO DATE LIST OF NEW MEMBERS TO QCWA, AND A MYRIAD OF OTHER ITEMS. NOT THE LEAST BEING RULES FOR THE 1980 QSO PARTY. THIS YEAR SPONSORED BY THE YANKEE CHAPTER.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED MANY NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1980 QCWA HALL OF FAME. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN THE NOVEMBER, 1979 HLR, AND WE URGE ALL CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUALS TO CONSIDER NOMINATING WORTHY QCWA MEMBERS FOR THE AWARD. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE ACTIVITY WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE YEARS, FORMING A REAL ROSTER OF FAMOUS QCWA MEN AND WOMEN. THE SUGGESTED RULES WERE PRINTED IN THE HLR...IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COPY, WRITE, WE'LL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY IT.

THE MOST RECENT QCWA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ISSUED IS NUMBER 13,625 ISSUED TO MARCEL E. VINCENT, W2KYM, A MEMBER OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER, ON DECEMBER 2, 1979.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS ON YELLOW PAPER HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR USE BY INTERNATIONAL QCWA PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THEM ON HAND, DROP US A LINE FOR A SUPPLY.

THE QCWA SUNDAY AFTERNOON NET, DECEMBER 2, SET A RECORD FOR CHECK-INS, WITH 73 RECORDED. HERB, W6FQ and MILT, W2SF, SUGGEST THAT EACH ONE CHECKING IN KEEP TRANSMISSIONS SHORT AND SWEET, AND FOR US ALL TO BREAK THE RECORD AGAIN AND SOON.

QCWA WILL ACCEPT DUES PAYMENTS ON A ONE-YEAR BASIS FROM THOSE WHO FACE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BECAUSE OF THE REGULAR 3-YEAR DUES REQUIREMENT. UNTIL DECEMBER 31, THE ANNUAL ONE-YEAR FEE IS \$5. AFTER JANUARY 1, 1980, THE ONE-YEAR DUES WILL BE \$7. WHEN REMITTING DUES UNDER THIS PROVISION IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO SEND THE FEE, WITH A NOTE THAT THE MEMBER IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUES BASIS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HEADQUARTERS WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT DUES RENEWALS HAVE BEEN COMING IN WELL, AND HAVE PILED UP ON US SOMEWHAT. IF MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CARDS FOR RENEWALS SENT IN RECENTLY, THEY WILL BE IN THE MAIL VERY SOON NOW. WE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON GETTING NEW MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

IT IS RUMORED THAT SEVERAL NEW QCWA CHAPTERS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING. THIS IS GOOD NEWS. HEADQUARTERS IS URGING MEMBERS TO FORM LOCAL CHAPTERS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE...THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS FUEL COSTS RISE, AND TRAVEL TO THE LARGER CHAPTER GATHERINGS WILL BECOME TOO EXPENSIVE. THE SMALL CHAPTERS OFFER GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND INEXPENSIVE GATHERINGS....A MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION NOW!

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